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1. In a recent Cominformist roundup, an assistant professor (unidentified) at the Bacteriological Institute of the Ljubljana University was taken into UDB custody. Following his confession of complicity in the alleged Cominformist sabotage plot, the UDB immediately confiscated from the Bacteriological Institute unspecified quantities of the following micro-organisms:
 - a. Ustilago Carbo
 - b. Ustilago Segetum
 - c. Species of Puccinia, particularly Uredo and Telento.
2. In late June at a secret session of the Ljubljana F/4 District Cell, Urbancic (Inu), a Communist Party official stated that:
 - a. The Yugoslav Government denies that the recent damage to the wheat crop was caused by the aforementioned bacteria, but nevertheless there are strong indications that the wheat seeds were sabotaged by bacteria prior to planting.

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b.

- c. The UDB allegedly has excellent information on sabotage plans and techniques as a result of the revelations at the recent trial of saboteurs at Novi Sad.

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